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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)
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: Group Art Unit: 2853
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: For: INK CONTAINER FOR INK)
JET PRINTING HOLDER)
FOR THE CONTAINER,)
CARRIAGE FOR THE)
HOLDER AND INK JET)
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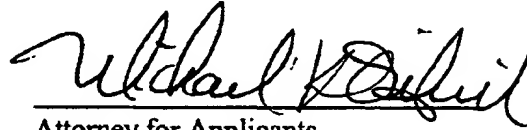
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to Japanese Utility Model Application Publication Hei 4-32577, together with an English language translation thereof. Copies of these documents are provided, and are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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